

## Town Council Meeting: 14 December 2020 7:30 PM



Town of Garrett Park  
PO Box 84  
4600 Waverly Avenue  
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council  
Public Teleconference

December 14, 2020

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### DECEMBER 2020 MINUTES

#### Call to Order (7:30 PM)

**Approval of Agenda (7:30 PM)** – Agenda approved.

#### Approval of Minutes (7:33 PM)

- November 9<sup>th</sup> TC minutes – Minutes approved.

**MML Presentation (7:35 PM)** – Scott Hancock, Executive Director for MML – Recognized the Town's efforts to improve the Census participation in the 2020 Census. Scott stated Garrett Park had the highest improvement rate in the state with 86.6% of the Town's population participating (an 83% increase from the 2010 Census). Mayor Kacky recognized and thanked Joanne Schmader and Andrea Fox for their diligence and efforts.

**Presentation by Residents (7:42 PM)** – Property Owner located at 11022 Kenilworth Ave. asked for clarity on the raised sidewalk in front of her property as part of the SRTS project that has caused considerable ponding. The Council agreed as a Town, they are committed to the property owner and the problem would be solved, and not at the resident's expense. Mayor Kacky said she would address this under her update.

**Action – Reading of Ordinance (7:45 PM)** - Proposed Land Use Ordinance – Councilmember Paczkowski proposed an introduction of an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance 2021-01 - 402C-1 Chapter 4 Building Housing and Business Regulations. The recommendation is to update the current language to add the word “front” from “no building or new construction shall be nearer to any street right-of-way than thirty (30) feet to “no main building or new construction shall be nearer to any front street right-of-way than thirty (30) feet.

Councilmember Schulp motioned the introduction of ordinance 2021– 01, amendment of Chapter 4 Building Housing and Business Regulations with the change of the last paragraph stating what the sentence was and what the sentence will be. Seconded by Councilmember Bennett, as amended. Motion was approved.

**New Business (8:00 PM)** - No new business.

#### Town Updates (8:01 PM)

**SRTS Project (8:02 PM)** – Mayor Kacky – We are still wrapping up the final punch list (absent a final ADA inspection). Some concrete fixes needed to be done. In addition, some of the slopes, vertical headwalls and grouting had be done. We are still waiting on a subcontractor to finish the second lead walk at 10930 Clermont. Regarding the ponding issue raised by the property owner of 11002 Kenilworth: Although this had been added to the punch list, District 3 engineers, and our town civil engineer (Clark-Azar) all agreed this was not a pre-existing condition and could not be included

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under the current grant fund. Mayor Kacky is discussing other options to fix this with Interim Town Manager Sandlin

**Archives (8:16 PM)** – Councilmember Schulp – Due to the Covid-19 virus, Ms. McDonald is doing an online holiday “exhibit” of Garrett Park memories during the month of December.

**Arboretum (8:18 PM)** – Councilmember Bennett -Encouraged everyone to look at the Bugle article written by the Arboretum Committee providing winter care tips for Tree care. The committee is working with Interim Town Manager Debi Sandlin on procurement for the Porcupine Woods outfall renewal project and is continuing to work on a draft update to the ordinance to align with the Comprehensive Arboretum Plan

**Land Use (8:19 PM)** – Councilmember Paczkowski deferred Land use citing the previous discussion to approve the amendment of Land Use Ordinance 2021-01 - 402C-1 Chapter 4 Building Housing and Business.

**Historic Preservation and Town Hall Renovation (8:20 PM)** – Councilmember Paczkowski - The Historic Preservation Committee did not have a December meeting. CM Paczkowski has continued to work on the Town Hall renovations plans. He will work on scheduling a meeting during the second half of January and plans to have a presentation for the Council on the second stage to include concept level drawings and budget ideas.

**Train Whistle (8:21 PM)**– Councilmembers Simons – Ms. Fultz, a consultant and attorney with Kaplin, Kirsh & Rockwell, LLC has been engaged to assist with addressing the train whistle concerns. Ms. Fultz is expected to give a report during the January 2021 Town Council meeting.

Councilmember Paczkowski wanted to tack on the issue regarding modified mufflers going back and forth on Strathmore. Interim Town Manager Debi Sandlin will check with the County on what can be done. Mayor Kacky noted there is a provision in our charter about Council responsibility to govern/regulate noise in the Town.

**8: 30 PM - Town Managers Financial Report & Town Manager’s Report (8:30 PM) -**  
Interim Town Manager, Debi Sandlin reported the November revenues, operations and capital budgets and expenses are at expected levels.

**Meeting was adjourned – (8:32 PM)**

Signed

*Debi Sandlin*

Debi Sandlin, Interim Town Manager

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